

REMARKS

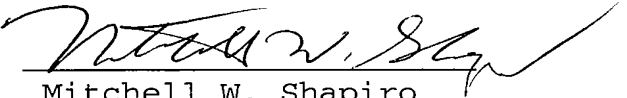
Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, in favor of newly presented Claims 15-18, which better define certain aspects of the invention intended to be claimed. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are moot in view of the newly presented claims, which clearly distinguish patentably from the applied references in any event. Note, for example, the features recited in the last two paragraphs of Claim 15, which are neither taught nor suggested by the applied references. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-9954) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any

extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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